



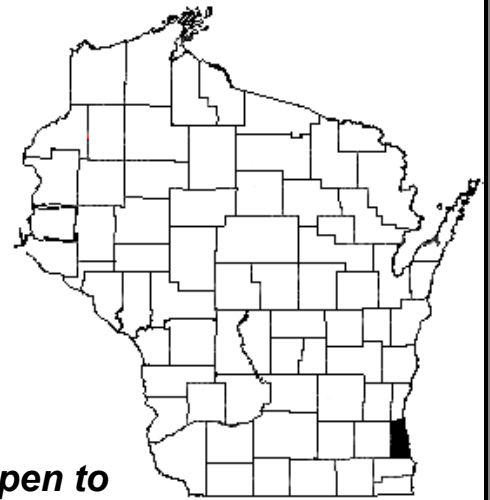
Fish and Wildlife Conservation

How Fish and Wildlife Dollars Are Used in Your Backyard

Milwaukee County

County characteristics

- 242 sq. miles.
- 75% urban; 25% non-urban as agriculture, woodlands, wetlands and open water; 15,000 acres of County-owned park land; 240 acres of state forest and natural area.
- Waters: 103 miles of warm-water streams; 40 ponds from 0.5 to 13 acres; 29 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline.
- There are 940,000 residents in Milwaukee County.



State Land Open to Fishing and Hunting

- The Henry Aaron State Trail provides fishing opportunities along a mile of the Menomonee River.
- Lake Michigan adjoins the entire eastern Milwaukee County shoreline and provides numerous shore and breakwater fishing opportunities and boat access at four City and County boat launch sites.
- Some waterfowl hunting occurs outside the Milwaukee city limits in the offshore waters of Lake Michigan.

Locate DNR properties at:

http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr_land_mapping.html

Fish and Wildlife Staff serving you

- 1 Wildlife Biologist; 4 Fisheries Biologists and 3 Fisheries Technicians, 3 Conservation Wardens 4 Customer Service Representatives
- Office, 2300 North Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53212 with Lake Michigan staff stationed at 600 E. Greenfield Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53204
- Staff also serves portions of Ozaukee, Racine, Washington and Waukesha Counties.

Activities Funded by Your Hunting and Fishing Dollars

- Provide public outreach to the most densely populated area in Wisconsin (approximately 1/6th of Wisconsin's total residents).
- Conservation wardens responded to 166 complaints from citizens and issued 226 citations for hunting, fishing and trapping violations.
- Monitor fish and wildlife populations for chemicals.
- Annually stock 19 county park ponds with 25,000 trout, co-sponsor free Kids Fishing Clinics and distribute 150 fishing rods for kids rod loaner program.
- Conduct annual fisheries assessments for Lake Michigan and inland waters.
- Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Warden staff attended major public relations events including Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel Sport Show, Wisconsin State Fair, and numerous career fairs and other events.



Activities continued...

- Hunting and fishing license funding was used to help support 41 Hunter Education classes in Milwaukee County during 2004, which reached 1,032 first time hunters.
- Fisheries restoration in the area includes development of a walleye and lake sturgeon population in the Milwaukee River and harbor area.
- Fisheries habitat restoration includes the improvement of the stream channel in the area of the old North Avenue Dam impoundment
- Respond to wildlife damage and nuisance complaints and monitor wildlife diseases including Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and West Nile Virus.
- Evaluate proposed transportation and other projects for environmental impacts, mitigate damage to wildlife and fisheries and their habitat.
- Provide educational programs for schools, conservation organizations and civic groups.

Milwaukee County Conservation Snapshots

- The most heavily populated county in Wisconsin – home to 1/6 of the State's population.
- A first class Lake Michigan and tributary trout and salmon fishery supported by a stocking of over 528,000 Lake Michigan trout and salmon.
- The cleanup of the Milwaukee River resulted in fisheries restoration including the stocking of lake sturgeon and walleye.



County Success Stories

- Over the past 20 years, thousands of Milwaukee Metropolitan youth have been instructed in hunting and angling education at events co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
- The Lake Michigan fisheries program is a national success story with anglers coming to fish the Milwaukee River and other Lake Michigan tributaries for steelhead and other trout and salmon species each spring and fall. A substantial sport charter fleet (approximately 17 boats) provides anglers without specialized equipment an opportunity to fish this high quality fishery.

Statewide challenges to maintaining your hunting and fishing opportunities

- Without a fee increase as proposed by Governor Doyle, the Department of Natural Resources will be forced make numerous cuts in:
 - Fish and wildlife stocking programs; Conservation law enforcement; Public hunting acres; Fish and wildlife field biologists and Customer services
- Keeping upland, shoreline and aquatic habitat intact and functional
- Multiple user conflicts - Increasing pressure on public lands
- Rapid growth – urban sprawl
- Nuisance wildlife and invasion by non-native species
- Disease management